[*Translation*]

Allocation to Bihar for Minimum Needs Programme

6565. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the amount of Central assistance under Minimum Needs Programme has been decreased due to its poor performance in Bihar;

(b) if so, the extent of the amount decreased during each of the last three years; and

(c) the names of the items under Minimum Needs Programme about which the curtailment has been made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

[*English*]

Grant to Scientific Ministries for Research and Development

6566. SHRI K. THULASIAH VANDAYAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount granted by the Government to scientific Ministries and CSIR for Research and Development in various branches of Science and Technology in each state and Union Territory;

(b) the share of Tamil Nadu in these grants;

(c) whether any Research and Development centres are being set up in Tamil Nadu.; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) to (d). Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Growth Centre in Maharashtra

6567. SHRI SUDHIR SAWANT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether growth Centre at Ratnagiri in Maharashtra has been announced;

(b) whether project report for the growth centre has been received and approved. if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, reasons for the same; and

(d) the reasons for not selecting a growth centre in Sindhudurg district?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) to (c). Under the Growth Centre Scheme, Ratnagiri in Maharashtra has been selected as one of the growth centres. The project report for Ratnagiri has been approved by the Government and a sum of Rs, 2 crores has been released as Central assistance.

(d) The selection of Growth Centres is done on the basis of proposal received from the State Governments. In the case of Maharashtra, the State Government had not suggested the name of Sindhudurg district for selection.